

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## "Cry out to Jesus"

### Jericho

May be the oldest continually occupied city in the world (since around 9000 BC). Was 825 ft below sea level and about 15 miles from and 3,500 ft below Jerusalem. It was on this steep dangerous road that we hear about the story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30)

### "Son of David"

Refers to a "Warrior King" - Messianic title referring to a king of David's line who would lead Israel to national greatness.

### Healing of Bartimaeus

1. Didn't come easy-required persistence
2. Acted decisively
3. Responded with a heart of gratitude and followed Jesus

### Isaiah 42:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into light before them  
and make the rough places smooth.  
These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.

No one is too insignificant to command the attention of Jesus

### Mark 10:46-52 (NIV)

<sup>(46)</sup> Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>(47)</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>(48)</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>(49)</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Call him" So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." <sup>(50)</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. <sup>(51)</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." <sup>(52)</sup> "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

We often want to use God selfishly to do our bidding and fulfill our desires... Bartimaeus doesn't ask to be superhuman-just human. - David E. Garland -

### Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

# "What do you want Jesus to do for you?"